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INVENTION: METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING DATA STREAMS OF  
DIFFERENT TRANSMISSION RATES BETWEEN A  
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## SPECIFICATION

## TITLE OF THE INVENTION

25 METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING DATA STREAMS OF DIFFERENT  
TRANSMISSION RATES BETWEEN A FIRST AND SECOND  
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## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

30 In order to utilize better the transmission capacity available in  
communications networks, in particular optical communications networks,  
multiplexers are used to multiplex input-end channels in wavelength multiplexers.

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